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1. AFTER FURTHER CHECKING INTO SUBJECT PROJECT, EMBASSY BELIEVES THE COMPANY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATION AREAS IN KUWAIT IS STILL UNDER FORMATION BUT NO ONE GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL HAS YET EMERGED AS PRINCIPAL CONTACT FOR INTERESTED US FIRMS.

2. WE UNDERSTAND SEVERAL YEARS AGO A CANADIAN FIRM DID A STUDY AND SUBMITTED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEVELOPING RECREATIONAL SITES IN KUWAIT. THE STUDY WAS SCALED DOWN AND USED AS A GUIDE FOR NUMBER OF SMALL PROJECTS PRESENTLY BEING BUILT IN KUWAIT SUCH AS FOUR SMALL BOAT MARINAS AND A SEA WALL BEING CONSTRUCTED ALONG CERTAIN STRETCHES OF KUWAIT'S COAST. MORE RECENTLY WE HAVE HEARD THE PRIME MINISTER/CROWN PRINCE HAS GIVEN HIS SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT TO THOSE WHO WISH UNDERTAKE A MORE AMBITIOUS RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN KUWAIT. THIS INFORMATION WAS CORROBORATED BY A RECENT SPEECH MADE BY CROWN PRINCE AT OPENING OF NEW LOCAL BEACH MOTEL IN WHICH HE LAUDED THE ROLE OF TOURISM IN THE WORLD'S ECONOMY AND GAVE

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IN KUWAIT." WE BELIEVE THIS COMPANY LIKELY BE COMPOSED OF NUMBER
RELATIVELY LARGE PUBLIC/PRIVATE SHAREHOLDING COMPANIES IN KUWAIT
SUCH AS THE KUWAIT CINEMA CO., KUWAIT TRANSPORT CO., AND KUWAIT
HOTELS CO. AMONG OTHERS.

3. AS THINGS NOW STAND, NO POINT OF CONTACT YET EXISTS FOR US
COMPANIES WISHING MAKE PROPOSALS FOR RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
IN KUWAIT, NOR CAN EMBASSY SAY WITH CERTAINTY THAT A TRULY
LARGE EXPANSION OF THE PRESENT CANADIAN PLAN IS IN THE OFFING.
ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT SO MUCH SMOKE COULD BE
SO SUDDENLY VISIBLE WITHOUT THERE BEING, AT LEAST, A MODEST FIRE.

4. SUGGEST COMMERCE PASS ALONG THIS INFORMATION TO COMPANIES
PREVIOUSLY CONTACTED (REF B) AND INFORM THEM WE WILL CONTINUE
TO REPORT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS AREA AS EVENTS WARRANT.
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